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SUBJECT: U.S.-ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (BSF)

1. THE BSF RECEIVED 309 PROPOSALS THIS YEAR FOR REVIEW. 307 WERE DEEMED ELIGIBLE FOR REVIEW. BESIDES THE REVIEW FOR SCIENTIFIC MERIT PERFORMED JOINTLY BY A PANEL OF AUTONOMOUS ISRAELI AND US SCIENTISTS, EACH PROPOSAL HAS TO BE REVIEWED FOR USG INTEREST. USG REVIEW OF EACH PROPOSAL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE US AGENCY HAVING THE MOST RELEVANT INTEREST. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE EMBASSY HAS DISTRIBUTED UNDER COVERING LETTER, A COPY OF THE PROPOSALS TO VARIOUS US AGENCIES. ALL AGENCIES ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH A TABULATED LIST OF THE PROPOSALS AND A LIST OF INSTRUCTIONS.

2. THE PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED FROM TWENTY-FOUR (24) DIFFERENT ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE BULK COMING FROM FOUR MAJOR UNIVERSITIES (HEBREW, WEIZMANN, TECHNION TEL AVIV). IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT OF THOSE JUDGED TO BE OF GOOD SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND OF INTEREST TO USG, ONE IN THREE WILL BE FUNDED.

3. AGENCIES SHOULD COMPLETE THEIR USG INTEREST REVIEW AND FORWARD THE COVER SHEETS TO EMBASSY SCIATT OFFICE NO LATER THAN 15 OCTOBER.

AN INTERIM TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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